

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, scoliosis, the abnormal curvature of the spine, is a condition which affects an estimated 7 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, most prevalent in otherwise-healthy children, scoliosis can cause pain, reduced respiratory function, and limited mobility, and approximately 1 in 6 children diagnosed with this disease will eventually require active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, while scoliosis has no known cause or cure, screening programs allow for early detection and for treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of scoliosis is vital in helping children, parents, and health care providers diagnose, understand, and treat this disease and reduce the pain and suffering of those it affects.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2012 as

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to promote increased research into the causes of and a cure for this disease.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA